

# TENNESSEE SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT BOARD

## POLICY NO. 4

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### PEER SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

**Policy:**

All Approved Sex Offender Providers are expected to participate in regional peer supervision meetings. Peer supervision meetings shall be scheduled quarterly for all board approved sex offender providers and probation officers supervising sex offenders. Quarterly peer supervision meetings are expected to be a minimum of 6-8 hours. Peer supervision meetings shall involve a minimum of four providers. Approved providers are responsible for all expenses associated with attending peer supervision meetings.

**Purpose:**

To improve the over –all quality and consistency of sex offender treatment provided to sex offenders as well as enhancing community safety. To provide TSOTB approved providers and probation officers with opportunities to share knowledge, expertise, research, and skills with each other.

**Procedure:**

1. Based on geography, a region may establish more than one peer supervision meeting in that region, however, in order to develop a multi-disciplinary forum, the board recommends that there be at least four providers in each peer group location.
2. Location of meetings shall be established by each group. It is expected that some members of the group will have to travel. Meeting places should be selected that serve the group. The location should be conducive to peer supervision, group discussion, presentation of cases, etc. While it is not mandatory that the group meet at the same place, it is recommended that a meeting place is identified. Peer supervision can be done at a provider's office, probation office, community facilities such as colleges, community centers, libraries, etc.
3. Peer supervision shall occur quarterly. The length of the meeting should be between six and eight hours. The day of the week as well as the beginning and ending time should be determined by the group.
4. Each peer group should elect a chair and a secretary. These positions should rotate each year. The chairperson is responsible for leading the peer group meeting, scheduling meetings, organizing presenters, etc. The secretary is responsible for keeping notes, records of participation, agendas, etc.
5. It is expected that peer group meetings will involve both presentations of information, i.e. "Topics of Interest" and case presentations.

6. Topics of interest are information concerning relevant topics in the field of sex offender treatment, i.e. family reunification, sexual reconditioning, use of objective tests in treatment, etc. and are presented to the group as part of “continuing education” for both providers and probation officers. Presenters may be members who have some expertise in the subject matter or may be brought in to present from outside the group.
7. Each provider will be required to present sex offender cases they are presently treating for discussion.
8. Probation officers may request to present a case for discussion in the peer group. However, probation officers are not required to present a case for discussion. Probation officers may use their attendance and participation in peer group meetings for annual training hours.
9. Providers may utilize attendance and participation in peer supervision for TSOTB training and supervision requirements in accordance with licensure guidelines.